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DISLOCATION PILE-UPS AND RELATED METHODS

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper responds to the Election Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 11, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect one of four perceived patentably distinct species:

- A. A first semiconductor layer and a compositionally uniform relaxed cap layer;
- B. A first semiconductor layer, a compositionally uniform relaxed cap layer, and a compositionally graded layer between the first semiconductor layer and the compositionally uniform relaxed cap layer;
- C. A first semiconductor layer, a compositionally uniform relaxed cap layer, and a seed layer (with uniformly distributed threading dislocations) between the first semiconductor layer and the compositionally uniform relaxed cap layer; and
- D. A first semiconductor layer, a compositionally uniform relaxed cap layer, and a seed layer (with uniformly distributed threading dislocations) between the first semiconductor layer and the compositionally uniform relaxed cap layer, and a compositionally uniform buffer layer between the compositionally uniform relaxed cap layer and the seed layer.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Species A. The claims readable thereon include claims 1-12, 54, and 78. Claim 1 is a generic claim. Upon allowance of claim 1, Applicants request the consideration of claims 13-53 that also depend on claim 1.


Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination. Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessitated by the present Response. However, in the event that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' agent would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned agent at (617) 570-1198.

Respectfully submitted,

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